DECISION NOTICE for PROPOSED NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN MONTANA DEPARTMENT FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS REGION 7

Montana Department Fish, Wildlife & Parks P.O. Box 1630 Miles City, MT 59301

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Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) proposes to implement their Noxious Weed Management Plan which outlines an integrated approach to noxious weed management on all of their owned or leased lands in Region 7 (Southeastern Montana).

FWP received only (1) written comment pertaining to the Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the Noxious Weed Management Plan. The comment is described in the following way:

With the weed issue becoming a major problem in Montana that affects all people and wildlife to some degree, it is important for everyone in Montana to work together to resolve this issue. This plan appears to do just that by addressing those lands that are within the FWP's control.

We support this plan. We would also like to be kept aware of the progress of this program and how we can help make a difference on your fight against noxious weeds.

FWP Region 7 has evaluated the EA and applicable laws, regulations and policies and has determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the human and natural environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared. FWP Region 7's decision is to implement an integrated Noxious Weed Management Program as proposed in Alternative 2 of the EA. Since the need to change the document was not revealed during the public review process, the Draft EA will be considered the final document. The Environmental Assessment may be viewed or obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Miles City, Montana. Please direct requests and questions to the undersigned.

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